

Q2 --37. The magnetic head device according to claim 36, further comprising a
magnetoresistive reading head including a magnetoresistive layer between two shield layers,
wherein one of the shield layers functions as the first writing pole.--

REMARKS


Claims 27-37 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 is canceled and
claims 27-37 are added.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R.
1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions in this application, the Examiner is requested
to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Title:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended title:

~~ETCHING MASK, METHOD OF MAKING SAME, ETCHING METHOD, MAGNETIC~~
~~HEAD DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME~~ ETCHING MASK AND
MAGNETIC HEAD DEVICE

Changes to Claims:

Claim 1 is canceled.

Claims 27-37 are added.

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